Master’s Certificate in Violence and Injury Prevention:

How to Get Started

Why Do the Certificate Program?
As a trans-disciplinary program, the Certificate Program offers you the opportunity to broaden your perspective on violence and injury prevention. In addition to walking away with a certificate in violence prevention, you will also be provided with a letter of recommendation from your certificate advisor. While in the program, you will have access to our bibliographies in all four of our topical areas, first notification of CVIP RA positions as they open up, and experience in the social system design lab. You will also be in the know about all of the Center events, lectures, and trainings, and you will be invited to our parties (usually two per year!).

Frequently Asked Questions
How do I sign up for this program?
Simply fill out the registration form included in this packet, and turn it in to:
Brown Center for Violence and Injury Prevention
Washington University in St. Louis
Campus Box 1196
St. Louis, MO 63130
OR
bcvip@wustl.edu

Do I have to sign up for this during the first year of my program?
No. As long as you are able to fit in the required courses and meet all track requirements, you may decide to pursue the Master’s Certificate Program at any point during your graduate program.

Can I individualize across the two tracks?
Yes, as long as you take one trans-disciplinary course, one course focused on violence or injury, and one course that grounds you on the problem. You must still take one course from each row in the track tables, and you must be able to justify your need to individualize.

**Track Requirements**

**Coursework:** Coursework offerings include courses in the MSW, MPH, law, and criminal justice programs, and are drawn from curriculum at SLU, UMSL, and Wash. U. Select 1 course from each row in the track tables.

**Fieldwork:** 2nd year practicum (MSW students) and/or field placement (for MPH only students) with an organization engaged in policy, research or direct services in child maltreatment, intimate partner violence, suicide prevention, or sexual violence. A list of relevant local, national and international practica suggestions is available. However, students are welcome to find a suitable practicum on their own. Students from other disciplines are encouraged to participate in clinical or research experience to support classroom learning.

**Other Activities:**

Attendance at meetings for mentoring and training in systems dynamics in addition to course work to further provide the trans-disciplinary perspective and insure linkage between curriculum and the field.

Meetings with the faculty member who has been assigned as your certificate advisor for mentoring. One meeting upon your entry into the program and one exit interview are required.

The CVIP offers several Brown Bag lunches, lectures, and trainings each year. Attendance at 5 is required.

Attendance at a Certificate Track informational meeting is strongly suggested.

Additionally, we ask that a headshot photo and short bio be submitted to the CVIP so that we can feature you on our wall and website.

**For students of Washington University in St. Louis:** To take courses at SLU or UMSL, contact Mary Rasp (mrasp@wustl.edu) or the Office of Academic Affairs at 3098 for an Inter-University Exchange registration form. Questions about law courses can be directed to Annette Appell: 314-935-7912 or arappell@wulaw.wustl.edu. For Brown School students: the Brown School Preapproval for Transfer of Credit form (available in the Forms section of Inside Brown) should be completed and submitted to your advisor and the Associate Dean of your program for signatures. Tuition will still be paid to the Brown School.

**For students of Saint Louis University:** Contact the SLU MSW Program Director for information on registering for courses at Wash. U. or UMSL. Additional questions can be directed to Nancy Weaver: weavernl@slu.edu.

**For students of University of Missouri-St. Louis:** Begin by talking to your advisor. Then, for Wash. U. courses, go to the UMSL representative for the inter-university exchange, Tawana Waters (ext. 6930) in the Registrar’s Office. The inter-university exchange form should be completed and signed by the Director of Social Work at UMSL and the professor of the class you will be taking. The signed form should be submitted to Ms. Waters who will process the registration. For SLU courses, contact the SLU Registrar’s Office (977-2269) or Kristi Sobbe (977-2752) and register as a non-classified student. Questions about criminology courses can be directed to Kristin Carbone-Lopez: 314-516-5426 or carbonelopezk@umsl.edu.